## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A method for processing large stamped letters, wherein the large letters (1) are fed, lying on a conveying means (12) and mixed with other mailings, to a sorting station (10) at which the a flow of mailings is divided at least into machine-readable large letters (1) and other mailings,

characterized in that wherein

the machine-readable large letters (1) are placed with the stamps (3) at the top facing upwards in a sorting station (10) on a conveying means (7) that leads them to further processing stations, wherein the conveying means has a reference edge (6) in the a conveying direction and is inclined in the conveying direction,

the a letter edge parallel to the address lines, in the proximity of which the stamps (3) are located, rests against the reference edge (6),

the stamps (3) are automatically cancelled by a canceling device (4) arranged closely above the leading-away conveying means (7), and at a lateral spacing from the reference edge (6) which corresponds to the a spacing of the stamps (3) from said letter edge, and

and that a locally fixed rotation element (8) then rotates through 90° the large letters (1) as they are conveyed onwards with the a shorter letter edge resting against the reference edge (6), so that thereafter the a longer letter edge likewise rests on the reference edge (6).

2. (currently amended) The method as claimed in of claim 1, characterized in thatwherein a sensor (5) that detects the a leading letter edge is

provided, and wherein from the a signal generated by the sensor and spacing from the canceling device (4) of which and from the conveying speed, the a start time of the canceling device (4) for canceling the respective large letter (1) is determined.

3. (currently amended) The method as claimed inof claim 2, characterized in thatwherein the sensor (5) detecting the leading letter edge, from the signal of which the start time of the canceling device (4) for canceling the respective large letter (1) is determined, is provided in the canceling device (4).

4. (currently amended) The method as claimed inof claim 2 or 3, characterized in that wherein the spacing of the stamps (3) from the leading letter edge is determined for each large letter (1) and this spacing is incorporated into the determination of the respective start time of the canceling device (4).

5. (currently amended) The method as claimed inof claim 2 or 3, characterized in thatwherein the canceling procedure proceeds over a fixed period of time.

6. (currently amended) The method as claimed inof claim 1, characterized in thatwherein provided as a canceling device (4) is a stamping device with a roller stamp which is resiliently pressed onto the large letter (1) for canceling.

7. (currently amended) The method as claimed inof claim 1, characterized in thatwherein the spacing of the rotation element (8) from the reference edge is greater than the a greatest width and less than the a smallest height of the accepted large letters (1).

8. (currently amended) The method as claimed inof claim 7, characterized in thatwherein the rotation element (8) is constructed as a rotatably mounted, upright cylinder.

9. (currently amended) The method as claimed inof claim 8, characterized in thatwherein the cylinder is driven and has a direction of rotation which is opposite to the conveying direction.

10. (currently amended) A device for processing stamped large letters, comprising a sorting station (10) at which a flow of mailings fed to a conveying means (12) is divided at least into machine-readable large letters (1) and other mailings, characterized bywherein:

- a conveying means (7) that leads the machine-readable large letters (1) in a horizontal position from the sorting station (10) to further processing stations and has a reference edge (6) in the a conveying direction and is inclined in the conveying direction, the large letters (1) to be lead away being placed on the leading-away conveying means (7) with the stamps (3) at the top facing upwards such that the letter edges parallel to the address lines, in the proximity of which the stamps (3) are located, rest against the reference edge (6),

- a canceling device (4) arranged closely above the leading-away conveying means (7) and at a spacing from the reference edge (6) which corresponds to the spacing of the stamps (3) from said letter edge, and

- a locally fixed rotation element (8) arranged downstream and rotating through 90° the large letters (1) as they are conveyed onwards with the a shorter letter edge resting against the reference edge (6).

11. (currently amended) The device as claimed inof claim 10, characterized in thatwherein a sensor (5) that detects the leading letter edge is provided, and wherein from the a signal generated by the sensor and spacing from the canceling device (4) of which and from the conveying speed, the a start time of the canceling device (4) for canceling the respective large letter (1) can be determined.

12. (currently amended) The device as claimed inof claim 11, characterized in thatwherein the sensor (5) detecting the leading letter edge, from the signal of which the start time of the canceling device (4) for canceling the respective large letter (1) is determined, is provided in the canceling device (4).

13. (currently amended) The device as claimed inof claim 10, characterized in thatwherein provided as a canceling device (4) is a stamping device with a roller stamp which can be resiliently pressed onto the large letter (1) for canceling.

14. (currently amended) The device as claimed inof claim 10, characterized in thatwherein the spacing of the rotation element (8) from the reference edge (6) is greater than the a greatest width and less than the a smallest height of the large letters (1).

15. (currently amended) The device as claimed inof claim 14, characterized in thatwherein the rotation element (8) is constructed as a rotatably mounted, upright cylinder.

16. (currently amended) The device as claimed inof claim 15, characterized in thatwherein the cylinder is driven and has a direction of rotation which is opposite to the direction of conveying.